UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

JOHN C. BRINKLEY,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	No. 4:05-CV-1145 CAS
)	
RANDY MARTIN, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

Plaintiff has filed a motion for appointment of counsel. The appointment of counsel for an indigent pro se plaintiff lies within the discretion of the Court. Once the plaintiff alleges a prima facie claim, the Court must determine the plaintiff's need for counsel to litigate hisr claim effectively. In re Lane, 801 F.2d 1040, 1043 (8th Cir. 1986). The standard for appointment of counsel in a civil case is whether both the plaintiff and the Court would benefit from the assistance of counsel. Edgington v. Missouri Dept. of Corrections, 52 F.3d 777, 780 (8th Cir. 1995) (citations omitted). This determination involves the weighing of several factors which include the factual complexity of a matter, the ability of an indigent to investigate the facts, the complexity of the legal issues, the existence of conflicting testimony, and the ability of the indigent to present his claim. Stevens v. Redwing, 146 F.3d 538, 546 (8th Cir. 1998); Plummer v. Grimes, 87 F.3d 1032, 1033 (8th Cir. 1996).

The Court concludes that plaintiff and the Court would benefit from the assistance of counsel.

The legal issues presented in § 1983 Eighth and/or Fourteenth Amendment denial of medication cases can be complex, and there will be conflicting testimony in this case. Because plaintiff is incarcerated,

he may have difficulty adequately investigating the factual basis of his claim. Moreover, plaintiff does not appear able to clearly present his claim in an efficient manner.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is GRANTED. [Doc. 16]

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Craig J. Hoefer, of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C., 101 S. Hanley Rd., Suite 1600, St. Louis, Missouri 63105, telephone number (314) 615-6000, is hereby appointed as counsel for the plaintiff. Counsel shall have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the Court file in which to file an amended complaint if deemed appropriate.

Appointed counsel is advised that all applications for disbursement of funds from the Eastern District's Attorney Admission Fee Non-Appropriated Fund are governed by Local Rules 12.03 and 12.06, the Administrative Order of February 24, 2004 concerning the Attorney Admission Fee Non-Appropriated Fund, and the Regulations Governing the Disbursement of Funds from the Non-Appropriated Fund for Attorney's Fees and Out-of-Pocket Expenses Incurred by Attorneys Appointed to Represent Indigent Parties in Civil Proceedings Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e), dated February 24, 2004. Form requests for compensation of services and reimbursement of expenses may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court or printed from the Court's Internet website, www.moed.uscourts.gov.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall provide appointed counsel with a copy of the complete Court file.

CHARLES A. SHAW

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 8th day of September, 2005.